

# **UNAPPROVED**

## **Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - Special Public Meeting, February 20, 2013**

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Special Public Meeting on Wednesday February 20, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present:

Lou Sanzaro, Chairman  
Brent Owen, Vice Chairman  
Shanelle Dattilo  
Lawrence Buck  
Matthew Zagaja

Also Present:

Don Moisa, IWWC Agent

Four (3) persons in the audience

Chairman Sanzaro opened the meeting at 7:30.m.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

No comments.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Application No. 638-13 E/S Town of Wethersfield , Millwoods Park Swimming Pool Beach, 154 Prospect St, Parcel No.198-001**

Maintenance project to prevent beach erosion into the swimming pool, within a regulated area.

Kathy Bagley, Parks and Recreation Director explained that every time there is a heavy rain storm the beach washes out into the pool.

When that happens the pool has to be shut down for a few days while the cleanup is done. The application is to add drainage to prevent the beach erosion.

Mrs Bagley introduced Phillip Barlow, Landscape Architect from TO Design LLC.

Mr. Barlow presented proposed plans and photographs of the beach area.

Mr. Barlow explained that the water starts at the parking lot and runs across the lawn areas towards the beach.

The area is compact so there is not much infiltration and the beach is clay overlaid with 3-4" of sand in most places.

Mr. Barlow pointed out the Inland Wetlands and 100Yr. Flood Zone limits. They are not proposing any work in any of these areas.

The proposal to fix the washouts comes in three parts;

The first part is to create a well defined swale along the top of the beach.

The second part is to remove about 15" of the underlying clay and replace with beach sand.

The third part is to add two underdrain systems, one along the swale and the other along the pond edge.

There would be silt fence backed up by haybales at the waters edge, haybales around the stockpiles, and erosion control fabric in the swales.

They plan to do the work before the swim season opens when the pool is drained.

Commissioners questioned if the bituminous curbing would remain, and if the location of the underdrain going through the pavilions would cause any construction difficulties.

Mr. Barlow stated that the existing bituminous curb would be replaced with new concrete curb, and working under the pavilions would not be a problem.

Motion by Commissioner Owen, seconded by Commissioner Zagaja to approve the application as submitted as a Summary Ruling and certify the Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan. All voted in favor, motion passed.

**Application No. 639-13 Great Meadow Conservation Trust, Rear of 408 Hartford Ave. Parcel No.212-004 & Parcel No. 213-013**

Application for brush and tree clearing within a regulated area.

Jim Woodworth of the Great Meadows Conservation Trust presented the application.

The application involves two adjoining parcels, one owned by the Great Meadow Conservation Trust, the other owned by William and Candace Holmes at 408 Hartford Ave. over which the Great Meadow Conservation Trust has an easement on.

The proposed work is a continuation of work started in 2004-2005 to move the tree line back and establish a summer/meadow grass on the higher portion of the property.

They are under contract with Marshall Lussen of B&B Landscaping to provide a logging type brush hog to do the clearing.

They would set the brush hog to cut everything flush to the ground and at the same time scuff up the ground to allow the area to be over seeded.

This would enable regular mowing to prevent the sumac and other vegetation from coming back up.

The goal is to establish meadow habitat.

On the south side of the property they had previously cut some trees but left the stumps above the ground.

They would like to also re-cut those stumps flush with the ground.

Commissioners questioned if there was a requirement to do this work, are they cutting down invasive species, and has their plan been adopted by the Town or The Plan of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Woodworth explained that it is an easement requirement on the Holmes property and the Northerly property is owned by the Great Meadows Conservation Trust, their plan has not been considered as part of the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

In addition to the Sumac they would be removing Japanese Knot Weed and Purple Loose Strife.

They would not be cutting down trees, only flush cutting stumps that had been previously cut over the past years.

Mr. Woodworth indicated that the maximum size would be 3-4".

There is a stand of Oak, Maple and Cottonwood trees that would be left.

There was discussion on the methods needed to remove Japanese Knot Weed and Commissioners clarified that the brush would be flush cut and left in place without being excavated out.

Motion by Commissioner Buck, seconded by Commissioner Owen to approve the plan as submitted as a Summary Ruling All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Minutes- November 21, 2012 Special Meeting  
(BO,JH,RC,JH,DA,DH) Tabled
2. Approval of Minutes-January 16, 2013 Meeting  
(BO,JH,LB,MZ,DH,MK) Tabled
3. Correspondence (No Action Required)
  - a. Memo on meeting time change to 7:30PM
  - b. Connecticut Land Conservation Conference registration form.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Herold, second by Commissioner Zagaja to adjourn at 7:50pm.  
Chairman Sanzaro adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

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Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Date